



BULLetin



September 2000

Next General Meeting

The SCDXC meets the second Thursday of the month. Our next meeting will be held Sept 13, 2001 at Syd Kronenthal Park in Culver City. The park is located 4 blocks west of La Cienega Blvd. and 2 blocks south of Washington Blvd. From the 10 Freeway exit La Cienega south to Washington Blvd. Turn right (west) 4 blocks to McManus Ave (it's La Cienega Ave to the right, McManus to the left). Turn left (south) 2 blocks to the Park. The street dead-ends at the parking lot. Please do not park in the school lot.

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Soap Box— Words from our President

Chuck — KR6C



Greetings fellow DXers,

Here we slip quietly into the fall and hopefully the conditions will continue to hold up for a few more seasons. I was disappointed to see this solar cycles peak was less than exciting but I was still able to work all the DX I needed to bring that band/mode count way up. It will be interesting to see if the lower bands start to open in the next couple of months. I really need to get some more top loading and radials installed

before the winter. I figured I could lay out a nice ground screen to the east side of the tower but the XYL has a small issue with 30 wires stretched across the patio and swimming pool. Go figure.

Well once again I look back in amazement at how fast this year is going by and how much the board and club members have accomplished to date. Consider we changed officers, held 3 meetings at Jun's, went to Visalia, had our pizza bash, moved, had 3 meetings in our new location, went high-tech with the publishing and distribution of the Bulletin saving a substantial amount of cost and effort, had our annual auction, had our repeater's operation and coverage challenged, had a club picnic, held 3 board meetings, some members went on DXpedi-

tions, Contesting or IOTA operations, summer bash, (which reminds me its our turn in 2002, Any Volunteers?) and the Visalia convention committee has had their first planning meeting. And guess what, there's 3 months to go which includes the ARRL SWD Convention, (our club will have a booth so sign up to help), nominations opening for the new slate of officers (anyone interested in serving on board next year?), several members who are going on DXPedition, Contesting or IOTA operations, and finally, the Holiday Party! Gee, and those were only the big items. If you give us some time I'm sure we can squeeze in a few more things and believe it or not, there's still plenty of new and exciting changes and additions coming our way! Skip has once again found another wonderful presentation for us to enjoy and I'll be seeing you at the meeting.

Very 73

September Meeting

Don Bostrom, N6IC, is a well traveled guy. He has agreed to stay in town long enough to be at the Sep-

tember meeting and to bring slides and stories of his many "vacations" to rare DX locations.

This promises to be a fun evening so bring your friends and introduce them to the SCDXC.

The Veeeeeep Speaks

I can't believe the summer is over. It sure went by fast for me, from being SCDXC VP to working and traveling, it seems I hardly had time to get on the radio. I did get the 9E1S, Ethiopia on CW for an all time new one.



Marilyn and I were in Seattle and Victoria B.C. on vacation and missed the 'W6YA Bash'. I heard there was an excellent turnout and the Club was well represented. We visited Bo and Ulla Kordel, N7BK and K7AFB, former SCDXC member, and they showed us around the Seattle area. We made a surprise visit to Charter club member Gordon Marshall, W6RR, at his bluff over looking Puget Sound. What a great location. Gordon says "hi" to the club.

I did get on the air that Sunday evening from Bo's QTH, and Rich, W6VX spotted me on the packet cluster and I got to work a few of the club members. It's fun to work the guys back home when you're away. Unfortunately, Rich lost five points in the spotting derby.

Congratulations go out to Doug Brandon, N6RT. Doug placed first in Zone 3 in the CQWW 2000 CW Contest operating from W6EEN's location. He also was picked as a USA West Team Captain for the WRTC 2002, to be held in Finland

in July. Nice going Doug.

Our program for September will be our own club member Don Bostrom, N6IC. Don's done a little traveling in his ham career, and will 'show and tell' some of his exploits. Of course, we will be having our usual great auction. Be sure to by those tickets early and support your club. See everyone at the meeting.

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W6XD new ARRL Director

There will be one new director on the ARRL Board in January as Art Goddard, W6XD, moves up from the back bench to succeed outgoing Director Fried Heyn, WA6WZO.

Freid has decided to not seek another term.

The following letter was sent to Art by the SCDXC.

Art:

On behalf of the Southern California DX Club, congratulations on your appointment as Director - Southwest Division. Your many contributions to our club over the years is greatly appreciated, as well as your ongoing contributions to amateur radio.

73 and best wishes in your new role.

Herb - KG6OK
SCDXC - Board of Directors - Secretary

de Skip KJ6Y IOTA DXPedition coming

Eight operators, N6KZ, N6FH, W6VX, N6IC, KQ6MW, WB9AWX, KJ6Y, and NN7A will operate from Santa Rosa Island, NA-144 from September 29 2001(0000Z) to October 1 2001 (1800Z). Bands: 10M-40M, CW and SSB. Due to environmental considerations, this will be a low power, battery operated event with modest antennas. We will maximize efforts to EU and JA. QSL via home calls. de W6VX

Web Page Roster

The roster on the club web page has been updated. If you find an error please inform the membership chairman ASAP at K6EXO@arrl.net

Convention Report

The first meeting of the DX Convention Committee was held in August with 15 members attending. We still need a few good chairperson's, come join us.

We have also decided on a polo shirt that will have the International DX Convention 2002 design on it.

The competition for the logo design will be formally announced at the next meeting. This shirt will be sold for \$25.00 with your reservation. It will have your call sign and name on it.

Spotting Derby by Harv K6EXO

A hard disc failure at the Valley node wiped out the spotting log for the month of August. I will be trying to recover the files—and if successful, I will publish the August results ASAP. Sorry —

Activity from EU-168

I am pleased to announce an activity from Flatey Island, EU-158, in the Breiðafjörður from September 12 to 19.

Participants are Tiny ON4CAT, Gulli TF8GX, Fred DL8DXL and Norby LX1NO.

Two call-signs will be used. TF4RX (operated by Tiny and Gulli), QSL to K1WY or ON4CAT and TF4/LX9EG (operated by Fred and Norby), QSL to LX1NO.

80m to 10m, SSB and CW, will be used. Also some digital modes.

73 Norby

(Norby was at the SCDXC picnic—tnx to W6VX for the information)



DX Convention LOGO Contest

The full details of the 2002 DX Convention Logo Contest will be provided at the September meeting. This notice is a "head start" for all the artists in the club. The logo will be used on the convention patches as well as the convention pins and the polo shirts.

A few suggestions —

Simple (remember the reduced size of the pins)

Colorful (stick to basic colors that will look good on all the objects it will be used on)

Consider that this is the oldest DX Convention in the US.

The club will vote on the design to be used.

Have fun!



A Hobby in a Hobby

Joe, W6AAB, is a collector. He just LOVES those BIG transmitting and other strange looking tubes.

The older, the better. Most of his collection is safely stored against breakage — he lost a bunch of specimens in the 1994 earthquake. Each of the bottles shown here have a history and represent days long gone.

A photo of his very neat station is shown here. In addition to a few of the jewels in the collection. Yes, that IS a DUMMY LOAD (lower left).

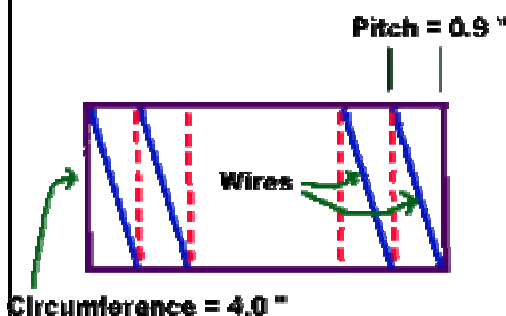


Ham Puzzle

Last month we asked for a simple way to measure the amount of wire our buddy needed to wrap a new coil.

Look at the diagram — this is what you will see if you split the cylinder and spread it out. Each "turn" will form a right triangle. The base is 0.9 inches and the height is 4 inches.

We received a number of correct answers this month. *(So much so that I will ask Mily to tough-up on the next few. HI! Ed.)*



Here is the answer from Ernie, N6HL.

DIVIDE 9 INCHES BY 10 TURNS = 0.9 INCHES

USING RIGHT TRIANGLE
 $C \times C = A \times A + B \times B$

$C = \text{SQ ROOT OF}(4.0 \times 4.0 + 0.9 \times 0.9)$

$C = 4.1$ INCHES PER TURN
 10 turns = 41 inches total

73, Ernie N6HY



Milt — W6RJO

Good Luck in the Contest

In a recent contest, a single operator station with 50 contacts (so far) exchanges numbers with a veteran multi-operator station who has 250 contacts thus far.

Only 10 minutes later, the single op, even now getting a bit frazzled because his logging system is too rudimentary, exchanges numbers with the same multi-op. The single op now has 100 contacts, while the multi-op now has 500 contacts, and admonishes the single op by reminding him that he is a "dupe".

If the time remaining in the contest was 1200 minutes (20 hrs.), with their Q rates (contacts/min.) always staying constant, what were the raw (no multipliers, etc.) counts for the single and multi-op stations at the end of the contest period?



More from Elmer

(Elmer wants to help those who do not understand antennae. Hope this helps someone.)

Q. When should I use an antenna tuner?

A: Antennas are never matched where you want them so it is very important to have that black box to compensate for the antenna never being matched where you want it.

Q. What type of coaxial cable is best for my vertical antenna?

A: The black stuff is best. But, I am not sure about the length or size.

Last month we asked you to identify a famous DXer of days gone by.

Sorry, but no one had the correct answer — it was, of course GUS BROWNING.

This month we ask who is the guy shown above? Hint — at last report he lives in Texas now and is not active on the air.

QSLs—The icing on the cake!

REPUBLIKA POPULLORE E SHQIPERISE

ZA2 RPS

OPERATED BY: CW - DL7AV + DL7NS
SSB - DJ0UJ + DL7FT

CONFIRMING-RADIO	DATE	GMT	MHz	FEET	2-WAY
K6LED	JUNE 1971	1410	14	59	SSB

QSO verified by DL7FT QSL-manager **AMSTERDAM**

These cards are the rarest of the rare so far submitted to the editor for show and tell.

I have never seen a ZA2RPS for fone! Mine was for CW.

Both sides of the CE0XX are shown and the operators list has been expanded.

CE0XX KLM

VERIFIED
N6NI

YAESU
KENWOOD
COLLINS
signal/one

QSL VIA
WSA7D

San Felix and San Ambrosio Islands

CONFIRMING YOUR CONTACT WITH THE FIRST AMATEUR RADIO OPERATION SINCE 1972.....FROM

CE0XX

SAN FELIX

SAN AMBROSIO

EQUIPMENT
Kenwood TS-930S
Collins KWM 380
Yaesu FT-ONE
Signal/One CX11A
Alpha 77 DX
KLM KT 34 XA

TO **W6BCL**

For QSO of

DECEMBER 7 8 10 1982

GMT **EARLY AM**

RST **BIG**

10 15 20 40 80 SSB

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W6AOA-Frank Cuevas
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Don Jones-Tech.Dir.
Joe Merdler-Cap't

Fishing Vessel "VAMOS"
SAN FELIX AND SAN AMBROSIO

San Felix and San Ambrosio islands are volcanic in origin and straddle the 80th parallel about 540 miles west of Chile in the Pacific. No vegetation, water or inhabitants on the islands but Chilean fisherman fish the area for lobster. Manny thanks acknowledged to all those assisting this effort made to W6PJX, Bernie Abramson, the above equipment suppliers and CE3GN, Mr. Patricio, Consulate of Chile at HOLLYWOOD.

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CHINA

中国无线电运动协会业余电台

VE7BC

CANTON

BY7



Other versions of this JA were quite popular a while back

Do you have some gems to share? Send the cards — or scanned images to the editor. Add a few words (about 50 or so) why the card is special. We may give some prizes for you entry. But, you will be a published author. We will return all cards So get out the scrap book and share the good times. Send you cards to the editor — scanned images to k6exo@arrl.net

Summer Bash at W6YA's



The great adventure of the summer season took place at the QTH of W6YA this year.

Hot Dogs — foamy stuff and a lot of eyeball made this a fine day for all.



Thanks to Tuck, N6ZT, for the photos. Tuck is standing for election as ARRL Vice Director. We wish him good luck!

BIG Antenna Report

A few months back we saw a few photos of the MFJ Loop used by K6ACZ. Well, Alan has now become a contest station using this gem on the roof.



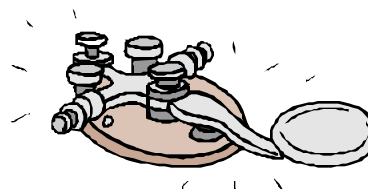
Look at the August 2001 issue of CQ magazine with the year 2000 Oct CQWDX DX SSB Contest scores. On the upper right corner of page 21 the super

antenna farm of K6ACZ is shown. Now the world knows the source of those weak signals coming out of Southern CA from a 36 inch loop that the DX has to pull out of the noise.
Score: 149,513,
QSO'S: 285, ZONES: 66,
COUNTRIES: 151,
FUN FACTOR:
Infinite



Alan also told us that he worked Arnie, N6HC from the Battleship Missouri during the Museum Ships weekend special event. He asked if I was using the MFJ loop and he said

it sounded as good as a beam. Of course we had good conditions. The loop can't bust the big pileups or pull the DX through that is spotted on the PACKET-CLUSTER but I can't hear well enough to work. I have my Mosley Tri-bander and Rohn tower safely stored in my garage. All I need is for someone to invent invisible paint so I can put it up without my HOA seeing it!



Propagation—September 2001

by Shel, W6EL



These predictions for the five prime HF bands show the times when propagation is expected to be best from Los Angeles to several locations that are expected to be active during the coming month.

Other times are possible, but with weaker signals or lower probability. Openings are not expected on bands that are not listed. A solar flux of 175, corresponding

to a sunspot number of 133, and an average geomagnetic field are assumed.

Sunrise/sunset times are at the DX location. All times are UTC.

FO Austral Is. - 9/9 to 9/14 - Beam 212 degrees

Sunrise/sunset (on 9/12) 1603/0349

80: 0700-1230.

40: 0500-1330.

20: 0200-1600.

15: 2300-1030.

10: 1600-0730.

S2 Bangladesh - 9/8 to 9/19 - Beam 331 degrees

Sunrise/sunset (on 9/14) 2348/1159

40: 1230-1400.

20: 1000-1630. Long path around 0100.

15: 1530-1900 and 2330-0630.

10: 0030-0330.

VK9C Cocos-Keeling Is. - 9/14 to 9/20 - Beam 296 degrees

Sunrise/sunset (on 9/17) 2329/1125

80: Around 1300.

40: 1130-1330.

20: 0930-1630. Long path 2330-0200.

15: 1530-2030.

10: 1700-1930 and 2330-0430.

5R Madagascar - 9/14 to 9/20 - Beam 43 degrees

Sunrise/sunset (on 9/17) 0249/1444

40: Around 0230. Long path 1330-1500.

20: 0000-0400. Long path 1130-1600.

15: 0330-0430 and 1730-0100.

10: 1600-2400.

ZL7 Chatham Is. - 9/13 to 9/23 - Beam 218 degrees

Sunrise/sunset (on 9/18) 1747/0533

80: 0830-1300.

40: 0630-1330.

20: 0400-1500.

15: 0130-1130 and 1700-1730.

10: 1800-0730.

A2 Botswana - 9/19 to 9/28 - Beam 81 degrees

Sunrise/sunset (on 9/24) 0409/1611

80: 0300-0330.

40: 0130-0430.

20: 2300-0630. Long path 1330-1630.

15: 1930-0200.

10: 1430-2100.

Good luck and good DX from Shel, W6EL.

QSL info

KN6H provides some insights into Turkmenistan QSLing:

The Turkmen Club Station EZ3A is located in Annau near Ashgabat. For the year 2001, they are using four special event call signs:

EZ21A for the New XXI Century

EZ56V for 56 years of Victory WW II

EZ75R for 75 years of Amateur Radio in Turkmenistan

EZ10A for 10 years of Independence of Turkmenistan

This may be old news, but it was news to me.

Source: right off their QSL card, a single card for all the call signs.

QSL direct to P.O. Box 73, Ashgabat 744020, Turkmenistan. Registered mail didn't seem to help; I received a card from a direct mailing, never got a response from a registered mailing.

Have fun with the U.S. post office clerks when they look up Turkmenistan in their computers!

Merle B. Parten, K6DC, a prominent West Coast DXer of Santa Barbara, California, died August 2. He was 89. His DXCC Honor Roll total was 383 entities.

Merle once was an amplifier design engineer at Eimac.

A few words from some of the gang who knew K6DC over the years.

Merle was one of the real old timers and quite a DXer! He was the SCDXC treasure for many years in the '70's. He will be missed.

Ray, N6VR

It is with great sadness that I report that Merle Parten K6DC, is now a silent key. Merle passed away in the morning hours on Thursday.

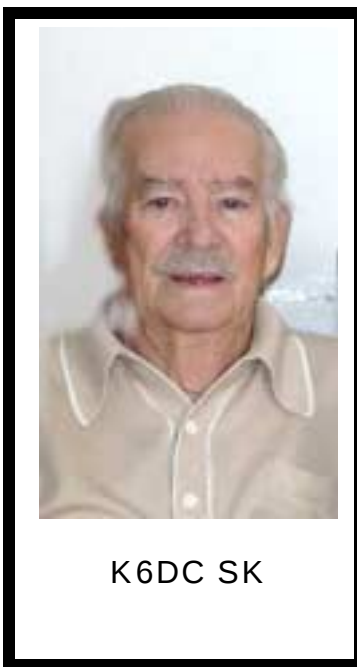
Sincerely,

Mike K6ZSR

Hi all...

Here are some photos I took in January when several of us visited Merle. The group photo shows K6TQ, W6KUT, and K6DC in the back row; W6THN and W6ZZ are in front (W6YA was behind the camera). Merle was not walking at this time, since he was still trying to recover from a serious auto accident a few months before. The antenna photo is Merle's stack, hovering over the LP shot to the Pacific. Anyone who heard his big 40m signal knows how good that location was. The other photo from the same day is of W6JY, Merle's neighbor, who was about to celebrate his 98th birthday! Aram is one of the real ham radio pioneers, and is still QRV.

73, Jim
W6YA



K6DC SK



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